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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. ON THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

A. NO ACTION ANTICIPATED IN THE UN...

UN SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCINTYRE HAS TOLD AMBASSADOR SCALI THAT HE DID NOT EXPECT ANY INITIATIVE ON THE MIDDLE EAST IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. SCALI REPLIED THE US WAS ACTIVELY SEEKING A SOLUTION, BUT LIKEWISE DOUBTED THERE WOULD BE ANY EARLY US INITIATIVES IN NEW YORK. MCINTYRE THEN OUTLINED A RESOLUTION WHICH HE FELT WOULD BE AN EQUITABLE FIRST STEP TO A SETTLEMENT. HIS DRAFT ENDORSES THE PRINCIPLES OF UN RESOLUTION 242, AND CALLS UPON ARAB STATES TO ACKNOWLEDGE ISRAEL'S PRE-1967 BOUNDARIES AND TO RESPECT ITS SOVEREIGNTY. (CONFIDENTIAL) USUN 4069, 10/19.

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B. ...BELGIUM URGES NATO CONSULTATIONS...

IN CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR STRAUSZ-HUPE,
BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL DAVIGNON SAID

NATO CONSULTATIONS ON THE MIDDLE EAST WERE DESIRABLE IF TWO CONDITIONS CAN BE MET. FIRST, THEY MUST BE HIGHLY RESTRICTED SO NO LEAKS OCCUR. SECOND, AS A PRE-CONDITION FOR THEIR SUCCESS, SUCH CONSULTATIONS MUST BE ACCCOMPANIED BY A US WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE ITS ALLIES WITH ENOUGH INFORMATION ABOUT US-SOVIET CONTACTS TO ALLOW NATO MEMBERS TO DETERMINE HOW THE CONFLICT REALLY AFFECTS DETENTE AND EAST-WEST RELATIONS IN GENERAL. (SECRET) BRUSSELS 6016, 10/19 (EXDIS).

C. ...AND SCANDANAVIANS OFFER TO PROVIDE PEACE-KEEPING FORCE.

AFTER THE MEETING OF NORDIC DEFENSE MINISTERS IN NORWAY, NORWEGIAN DEFENSE MINISTER FOSTERVOLL ANNOUNCED THAT NORWAY, SWEDEN, DENMARK, AND FINLAND ARE PREPARED TO PROVIDE A FOUR POWER PEACE-KEEPING FORCE FOR THE MIDDLE EAST, IF REQUESTED TO DO SO BY THE UN. EMBASSY OSLO COMMENTS THAT STAFF WORK AND COORDINATION FOR THE PROPOSED 5,200 FORCE HAS BEEN COMPLETED, AND THAT THE UNIT WAS IN A HIGH STATE OF READINESS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) OSLO 3889, 10/19.

2. ARABS PRESSURE JAPAN

TEN ARAB AMBASSADORS CALLED ON JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER OHIRA TODAY TO URGE HIM TO TAKE A STRONG STAND SUPPORTING THE ARABS IN THE MIDDLE EAST CON-
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FLICT. THE JAPANESE WILL CONSIDER THE ARAB REQUEST AT A CABINET MEETING THIS EVENING. EMBASSY TOKYO REPORTS THAT THE AMBASSADORS ASSURED OHIRA THAT THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO PLANS TO INTERRUPT OIL SUPPLIES TO JAPAN. (CONFIDENTIAL) TOKYO 13617, 10/19.

3. NORWEGIANS RELUCTANT TO TAKE SIDES

IN A MEETING WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL ON OCTOBER 17, NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND QUESTIONED THE WISDOM OF A JOINT NATO REACTION TO SOVIET MIDDLE EAST POLICY. IN ORDER TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH SIDES IN A PEACEKEEPING ROLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, NORWAY CANNOT SUBSCRIBE TO A PARTISAN POSITION

ON THE WAR. (SECRET) OSLO 3868, 10/18 (EXDIS).

4. NORWAY STRESSES DETENTE IN ATLANTIC RELATIONS

NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND HAS TOLD

ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT ENDORSES THE US INITIATIVE ON ATLANTIC RELATIONS. IN FIRM LANGUAGE, HOWEVER, HE WARNED THAT IF PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR NATO IS TO CONTINUE, ESPECIALLY AMONG THE YOUNGER GENERATION, THE NEW DRAFT DECLARATION ON THE ALLIANCE MUST EMPHASIZE THE ROLE OF DETENTE IN LAYING THE FOUNDATIONS FOR PEACE. (SECRET) OSLO 3879, 10/19.

5. THREE'S A CROWD: JAPAN, EC, AND THE US

FOLLOWING THE TANAKA VISIT TO EUROPE, EMBASSY BONN REPORTS, JAPANESE OFFICIALS REALIZED THAT THE ORIGINAL US PROPOSAL FOR A TRIANGULAR RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, THE US, AND JAPAN IS NOT PRACTICABLE. ALL EC COUNTRIES, AND PARTICULARLY FRANCE, REACTED COOLLY TO JAPANESE OVERTURES IN THIS DIRECTION. CONSEQUENTLY, JAPAN IS PREPARED TO SEEK A THREE WAY HARMONIZATION OF ITS ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL

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INTERESTS VIA THREE SEPARATE BI-LATERAL DECLARATIONS. AS REGARDS A US/JAPANESE DECLARATION, TOKYO WOULD LIKE TO DEVELOP THIS AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME AS THE US/EC DECLARATIONS, OR, AT A MINIMUM, TO MAKE ITS VIEWS KNOWN TO THE US BEFORE PRESIDENT NIXON'S EUROPEAN VISIT.

(SECRET) BONN 15231, 10/19.

6. INDIA AND IRAN: TO PONTIFICATE OR TO COOPERATE

ALTHOUGH INDIA IS SUSPICIOUS OF IRAN'S ARMS BUILDUP AND JEALOUS OF THAT COUNTRY'S WEALTH AND GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE MAJOR POWERS, COMMON INTERESTS EXIST WHICH MAKE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES DESIRABLE FROM INDIA'S POINT OF VIEW. EMBASSY NEW DELHI COMMENTS THAT IF INDIA CAN SERIOUSLY ENGAGE IN EFFORTS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH IRAN, THE RESULTS WILL ADVANCE US POLICY OBJECTIVES IN THE AREA.

(CONFIDENTIAL) NEW DELHI 12185, 10/19.

7. IRAN SEEKS OIL LEADERSHIP

AUTHORITATIVE IRANIAN PRESS COMMENT ON THE OPEC PLAN

TO RAISE OIL PRICES SUGGESTS THAT THE DECISION WAS THE RESULT OF AN IRANIAN INITIATIVE. EMBASSY TEHRAN COMMENTS THAT THE OPEC ACTION REFLECTS THE SHAH'S VIEW THAT THE US SHOULD ACT DECISIVELY TO COPE WITH ITS OWN ENERGY PROBLEMS BY DECREASING DEMAND AND EXPLORING ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES. (SECRET) TEHRAN 7371, 10/19. KISSINGER

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